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Federal Agencies, when practicable, to avoid duplication and to achieve maximum efficiency and economy.

(b) Other OSD officials and heads of the DoD Components shall coordinate with the Director, DPMO, on all matters related to the responsibilities and functions of the DPMO.

§ 371.7 Authorities.

The Director, DPMO, is hereby delegated authority to:

(a) Obtain reports, information, advice, and assistance, consistent with the policies and criteria of DoD Directive 8910.1,¹ as deemed necessary.

(b) Communicate directly with the heads of the DoD Components. Communications to the Commanders of Unified and Specified Combatant Commands shall be transmitted through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

(c) Communicate with other Government officials, representatives of the legislative branch, members of the public, and representatives of foreign governments, as appropriate, in carrying out assigned functions.

§ 371.8 Administration.

(a) The DPMO shall be authorized such personnel, facilities, funds, and other resources as the Secretary of Defense deems necessary.

(b) The Military Departments shall assign military personnel to the DPMO in accordance with approved authorizations and established procedures for assignment to joint duty.

(c) Administrative support required for the DPMO shall be provided by the Director, Washington Headquarters Services.

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373.7 Authority.

373.8 Delegations of authority.

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§ 373.1 Purpose.

This part implements the provisions of Pub. L. 95-452, which establishes the position of Inspector General (IG) and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in the Department of Defense, and sets forth responsibilities, functions, authorities, and relationships as outlined below.

§ 373.2 Applicability and scope.

(a) This part applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Military Departments, the Organizations of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (OJCS), the Unified and Specified Commands, and the Defense Agencies (hereinafter referred to as “DoD Components”).

(b) Its provisions cover all programs and operations administered or financed by the Department of Defense.

§ 373.3 Mission.

As an independent and objective office in the Department of Defense, the OIG shall:

(a) Conduct, supervise, monitor, and initiate audits and investigations relating to programs and operations of the Department of Defense.

(b) Provide leadership and coordination and recommend policies for activities designed to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration of, and to prevent and detect fraud and abuse in, such programs and operations.

(c) Provide a means for keeping the Secretary of Defense and the Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of such programs and operations and the necessity for and progress of corrective action.

§ 373.4 Organization and management.

(a) The IG, a civilian appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall serve as head of the OIG.

(b) The IG, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations governing the civil service, shall:

(1) Appoint a Deputy Inspector General, who shall serve as IG in his or her absence.

(2) Appoint an Assistant Inspector General for Auditing who shall supervise the performance of auditing activities relating to programs and operations of the Department of Defense.

(3) Appoint an Assistant Inspector General for Investigations who shall supervise the performance of investigative activities relating to programs and operations of the Department of Defense.

(4) Select, appoint, and employ such other officers and employees as may be necessary to carry out the mission, functions, responsibilities, and authorities assigned herein.

(c) The OIG shall consist of organizational elements established by the IG within the resources assigned by the Secretary of Defense or by statute.

(d) The Secretaries of the Military Departments or their designees shall assign military personnel to the OIG in accordance with approved authorizations and established procedures for assignments to joint duty.

(e) The Secretary of Defense shall provide the OIG with appropriate and adequate office space at central and field office locations together with such equipment, office supplies, and communications facilities and services as may be necessary for the operation of the OIG, and shall provide necessary maintenance services for offices and equipment and facilities located therein.

§ 373.5 Responsibilities and functions.

(a) The *Inspector General, Department of Defense*, shall:

(1) Be the principal adviser to the Secretary of Defense on all audit and criminal investigative matters covered under Pub. L. 95-452 and for matters relating to the prevention and detection of fraud, waste, and abuse in the programs and operations of the Department of Defense.

(2) Initiate, conduct, and supervise such audits and investigations in the Department of Defense, including the

Military Departments, as the IG considers appropriate.

(3) Provide policy direction for audits and investigations relating to fraud, waste, and abuse and program effectiveness.

(4) Evaluate and review the work of all DoD activities relating to contract audit, internal audit, internal review, military exchange audit, and independent public accountant audit service programs.

(5) Investigate fraud, waste, and abuse uncovered as a result of contract and internal audits, as the IG considers appropriate.

(6) Develop policy, monitor and evaluate program performance, and provide guidance with respect to all DoD activities relating to criminal investigation programs.

(7) Monitor and evaluate the adherence of DoD auditors to internal audit, contract audit, and internal review principles, policies, and procedures.

(8) Develop policy, evaluate program performance, and monitor actions taken by all DoD Components in response to contract audits, internal audits, internal review reports, and audits conducted by the Comptroller General of the United States.

(9) Monitor and give particular regard to the activities of the internal audit, inspection, and investigative units of DoD Components (including those of the Military Departments) with a view toward avoiding duplication and insuring effective coverage, coordination, and cooperation.

(10) Provide policy direction for and conduct, supervise, and coordinate audits and investigations relating to DoD programs and operations.

(11) Review existing and proposed legislation and regulations relating to DoD programs and operations and make recommendations thereon in accordance with section 4(a)(2) of Pub. L. 95-452 concerning their impact on economy and efficiency or on the prevention and detection of fraud and abuse in DoD programs and operations.

(12) Recommend policies for and conduct, supervise, or coordinate other activities carried out or financed by the Department of Defense for the purpose of promoting economy and efficiency in the administration of, or preventing